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Brother, Can You Spare An Hour?

If one looks at Sigma Phi Epsilon's most successful chapters over time, it is clear that volunteer support has been a key success factor. Historically, alumni board members and chapter counselors have been the backbone of our volunteer ranks. And they will be in the future. However, with more than 115 chapters voting to become Balanced Man Project chapters over the past five years, a new volunteer role has emerged—a "mentor."

The responsibility of mentoring a Sig Ep undergraduate is a critical component of our new membership development program, the Balanced Man Project. The process of becoming reinvolved in Sig Ep as a mentor is as simple as contacting Sig Ep Headquarters. You will be matched with an undergraduate who has interests and career aspirations similar to yours.

Your commitment to Sig Ep is one hour a month. Maybe it's a couple of telephone calls, a meal or a stop by the chapter facility to visit with the Sig Ep undergraduate who seeks your advice and counsel.

One hour a month to help an undergraduate Brother. It's a small commitment to acknowledge the large gift each of us has received.

Fraternally,

Gary E. Griffith
Grand President

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COVER: Tom Hicks (Texas '68), new owner of the NHL Dallas Stars.
(Story page 4.) (Photo: Milton Hinnant/The Dallas Morning News)

In Brief



White House Sig Eps: Florida, Utah Grads

The west wing of The White House is the background above for two Sig Eps: Donald K. Dunn (Utah '93) and Douglas J. Band (Florida '95).

Dunn was in the political affairs office and in 1996 moved to the campaign, subsequently becoming special assistant to the co-executive director of the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Band joined the staff of the Office of the Counsel to the President in September, 1995. For the past six months he has been running the judicial selection process in the Counsel's office, assisting in the President's appointment of federal judges.

Virginia Alpha Charter Withdrawn

The National Board of Directors in April withdrew the charter of the Virginia Alpha chapter at the University of Richmond at the request of the university. The district governor, alumni board, university officials and Headquarters staff concurred in the decision. In spite of repeated disciplinary action and removal of 30 men from the chapter, undergraduates persisted in violating Fraternity and university policies. The Fraternity and the university have worked to guarantee Sig Ep's return to the campus in time for the Fraternity's centennial. Had the Fraternity not worked with the university, the university would have withdrawn the Fraternity's recognition for a longer period of time.

Judge Earle W. Frost 1899-1997



Judge Earle W. Frost (Kansas State '20), Sig Ep's Grand President from 1945 to 1946, died on February 10.

He was a graduate of Columbia Law School and served as Municipal Judge of Kansas City from 1940 to 1967, the longest tenure of any elected official in the history of the city. He was elected originally as a member of the Citizen's Ticket that ousted the Pendergast regime in Kansas City. He was an Order of the Golden Heart recipient, a Citation recipient and a member of the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation's Board of Governors.



Washington Beta Celebrates Chapter's 75th Anniversary

Over 80 alumni joined 80 undergraduates to celebrate Washington Beta's 75th anniversary on January 25, 1997. Alumni travelled from as far away as Arizona for the event. Special guests at the event were C. Maynard Turner (Washington '22), a founder of Washington Beta and currently Sig Ep's oldest living Past Grand President; National Director Roger VanHoozer (Washburn '72), who lives and works in Seattle; and District Governor for Oregon, Washington and Montana Steve Ruttner (Washington '79). Photo above: Turner with alumni Kraig McCoy, Bryan Hansen and Mike Suarez.

Sig Ep First Again

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the first and only fraternity to charter a chapter in all 50 states! On February 15, South Dakota Alpha was chartered at South Dakota State University. On March 1, Sig Ep chartered Alaska Alpha at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks as the 50th Alpha chapter and making Sig Ep the first truly national fraternity. Currently Maine and Idaho have dormant chapters which the Fraternity plans to return to in the near future to complete representation in all 50 states.



Oklahoma Beta Honors Congressman Watts

Oklahoma Beta hosted a dinner honoring Congressman J. C. Watts, Jr. (4th District, Oklahoma) April 1 at the chapter house. More than 120 fraternity and sorority presidents, university officials, area alumni and chapter members attended. Chapter president Ashley Allinder said the dinner was the largest ever held at the University of Oklahoma Sig Ep chapter house.

Grand President Gary Griffith introduced Congressman Watts to the overflow crowd. Watts stressed the importance of a strong national defense, the necessity of a balanced federal budget and the need to improve race relations. He said race relations will improve only after we make the effort to know each other and develop personal relationships. Watts received a standing ovation and was presented a Sig Ep proclamation by the chapter. The chapter also made a donation in Congressman Watts' name to a memorial fund operated by a campus sorority. Photo above: (from left) Allinder, Watts, Griffith and Chapter Counselor Tim Lewis.



BIG DEALS ARE TOM HICKS' BUSINESS

He first attracted major-league attention in 1984 with the purchase of the Dr Pepper, 7-Up, and A&W Root Beer soft drink companies. Deals amounting to more than \$10 billion have followed and have included big-time firms such as Hat Brands Inc., maker of Stetson and Resistol hats, and American Home Products' food division, maker of Chef Boyardee pasta dishes, Pam cooking spray and Jiffy Pop popcorn. Hicks also has become a radio and TV media mogul.

In December, 1995, he plunged into the turbulent world of professional sports with an \$84 million purchase of the NHL Dallas Stars.

But his panoramic 16th-floor suite in the Crescent Center on the north side of downtown Dallas gives only one indication that this is the office of an NHL owner—a copy of the NHL Record and Fact Book that rests on the carpet behind his desk. "I'm the control shareholder or have been at one point in time for 15 to 20 companies, and all those are successful because I follow the strategy of having management partners that are fully empowered to do the job they're trained to do," he says.

As with his other deals, he says he bought the Stars "as an investment." "Traditional Texans, like me, who grew up on football, baseball and basketball, can fall in love with this sport when exposed to it." That's why he is pushing hard for a new downtown arena. And that's why he has invested in players to improve the team: "We don't have to win the Stanley Cup this year, but fans have to think we're headed in that direction."

The road to the Stars for

Thomas O. Hicks (Texas '68 and now a member of the University of Texas Board of Regents) began shortly after he received his MBA from the University of Southern California in 1970. He started out in the venture capital arm of Morgan Guaranty Trust in New York, then returned to Dallas in 1974 to head the venture capital affiliate of InterFirst (now NationsBank) Corp. From 1977 to 1983, he was co-managing partner of Summit Partners, a Dallas leveraged buyout firm.

In 1984, Hicks teamed with Cleveland investor Bobby Haas to form Hicks & Haas. In the next five years, the firm engineered 16 leveraged buyouts, including the soft drink deal.

Hicks, 51, today is chairman and CEO of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, which Forbes magazine describes as a "Dallas-based leveraged buyout boutique." In addition to serving as chairman of the Stars' board of directors and as the team's representative on the

NHL board of directors, he is a director of a host of Hicks, Muse portfolio companies here and in Latin America.

In February, he pulled off a media mega deal when he announced the merger of Chancellor Broadcasting Company, of which he is chairman, with Dallas-based Evergreen Media to create the nation's second-largest radio group in terms of audience and revenue (CBS Radio is No. 1). The market leadership of the merged company, Chancellor Media Corporation, with Hicks as chairman, is enhanced with the acquisition of 10 top-market stations from Viacom for \$1.08 billion. Hicks, Muse also has become the fourth-largest cable TV operator in Argentina as part of Latin American investments which last year included purchase of Mexico's third-largest insurance company.

Hicks' interest in radio goes back to his teenage days when he was "Steve King, the Weekend

Wonder Boy," spinning rock 'n' roll at his father's radio station in Port Arthur, Texas. Hicks, Muse started Chancellor Broadcasting in 1994 with two stations in Sacramento, California. By the beginning of this year, it owned more than 50 stations in the nation's 50 largest markets.

Two brothers, also Sig Eps, head broadcast firms as well. Steve Hicks (Texas '72) is CEO of Austin-based Capstar Broadcasting that has grown into the industry's 10th largest player in less than a year. Youngest brother Bill Hicks (Texas '76) runs Sonance Communications in College Station, Texas.

Texas Alpha fraternity brothers also are represented among Tom Hicks' business and Wall Street associates. At Hicks, Muse they include David Deniger (Texas '67), managing director and principal, and Dan Blanks (Texas '68), senior vice president. On Wall Street, there's Bruce Schnitzer (Texas '66), head of Wand Partners and a trustee of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Dick Vermillion (Texas '67) is chairman of Gammaloy, another company Hicks controls.

"This is a classic example of the alumni network in action," Hicks says. "Sig Ep friendships are unique. They are formed at an important time in life, and under circumstances that imbue us with a shared set of principles that give us a common bond and guide us through life's triumphs as well as its trials."

Hicks is a trustee and a former treasurer of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation and has created a major scholarship endowment.

Teenage Tom Hicks as "Steve King, the Weekend Wonder Boy"



The Balanced Man Project, Sigma Phi Epsilon's continuous, four-year leadership development program, has two goals: enhancing personal growth and strengthening chapters.

Results of the program are clear-cut. Balanced Man Chapters outperform Sig Ep and campus peers academically, in recruitment, and in retention. Older members are more involved, volunteer activity is increased, chapters have healthier social attitudes, and new energy is directed into campus and community leadership.

The Balanced Man Project is grounded in Sig Ep's time-honored traditions and principles and gives them renewed relevance in today's world. It is based on the Ritual and on the building blocks of mentoring, community service, learning-by-doing, and Brotherhood. It is an ongoing membership experience that involves all members in a unified, single-tier approach to personal development. It replaces the two-tier "pledging" model of development, successful over many years, but now the target of academic and community criticism.

Implementation of the Bal-

THE BALANCED MAN PROJECT

Sig Ep's Innovative Membership
Development Program

anced Man Project began in the fall of 1992, but its foundation is in the "Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities" vision statement adopted by the Board of Directors in the late 1980s.

The program is voluntary. Adoption of the Balanced Man Project requires a strong commitment to the philosophy of the program—an 80 percent vote of chapter members. Currently, 118 chapters have implemented the program and the number is growing at an aggressive pace as undergraduates see value in the program. The National Board of Directors in November, 1996, affirmed voluntary participation in the program as a key initiative in the Strategic Plan and a strong

effort is being made to acquaint all chapters with the value and importance of the program.

The Balanced Man Project is receiving widespread acclaim. Recognition includes the Association of Fraternity Advisors' Excellence in Educational Programming Award and a \$250,000 grant through the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, funds earmarked by the U.S. Department of Education for innovative programs in the college environment. Today, many of Sigma Phi Epsilon's peers are creating their own versions of the Balanced Man Project, in recognition of the program's value. Donors to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation have expressed special interest in the program and the Foundation has created an endowment specifically to support the program which is increasing each year.

Additional information about the Balanced Man Project, including opportunities for involvement as an alumnus, may be obtained by calling Sig Ep Headquarters.



Team building is one focus of the Balanced Man Project.

Balanced Man Project emphasizes community service and leadership.



Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters that are successful over time are often the result of quality volunteer involvement. Volunteers are an integral part of a four-way partnership that includes the undergraduates, university staff, and the Fraternity Headquarters. All too often, a chapter suffers because the volunteer link is weak and short-handed. Volunteers are needed today in every chapter.

Being a volunteer with an undergraduate Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter is often challenging and highly rewarding. The first step to getting involved is to raise your hand and accept the role. You can do that by calling Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters.

Why should I volunteer for Sigma Phi Epsilon? Undergraduate chapters need good local volunteer support to help them make smart decisions and remain strong on campus. As a volunteer, you will help young men develop during their college years while learning new skills that will help you in your personal and professional life. Many volunteers also have made new friends and business contacts among their fellow vol-

THE LIFETIME RESPONSIBILITY OF BROTHERHOOD

unteers. And, they have rekindled an important part of their own fraternity experience by helping young men meet their potential.

Who can volunteer for Sigma Phi Epsilon? Alumni, parents and other community members of all ages, from recent graduates to retirees, are currently involved. There are many opportunities, with varying time commitments, to volunteer with undergraduates.

Where can I volunteer with the Fraternity? It is your decision. You can work with the geographically closest chapter, or you can work with a chapter that is farther away. Remember, though, that your personal presence at least once a month will be important

for you to be an effective volunteer.

When can I volunteer for Sigma Phi Epsilon? Time commitments for volunteers vary from chapter to chapter and by volunteer role. Whatever your availability, there is a role for you to play—from being a mentor to an individual member to being chapter counselor for the entire chapter.

What does it take to volunteer for Sigma Phi Epsilon? You must be interested and willing to make a difference in the life of undergraduates.

Sigma Phi Epsilon will recolonize Chapters in the fall of 1997 at:

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University of Arkansas
University of California-Davis
University of Illinois
University of Michigan

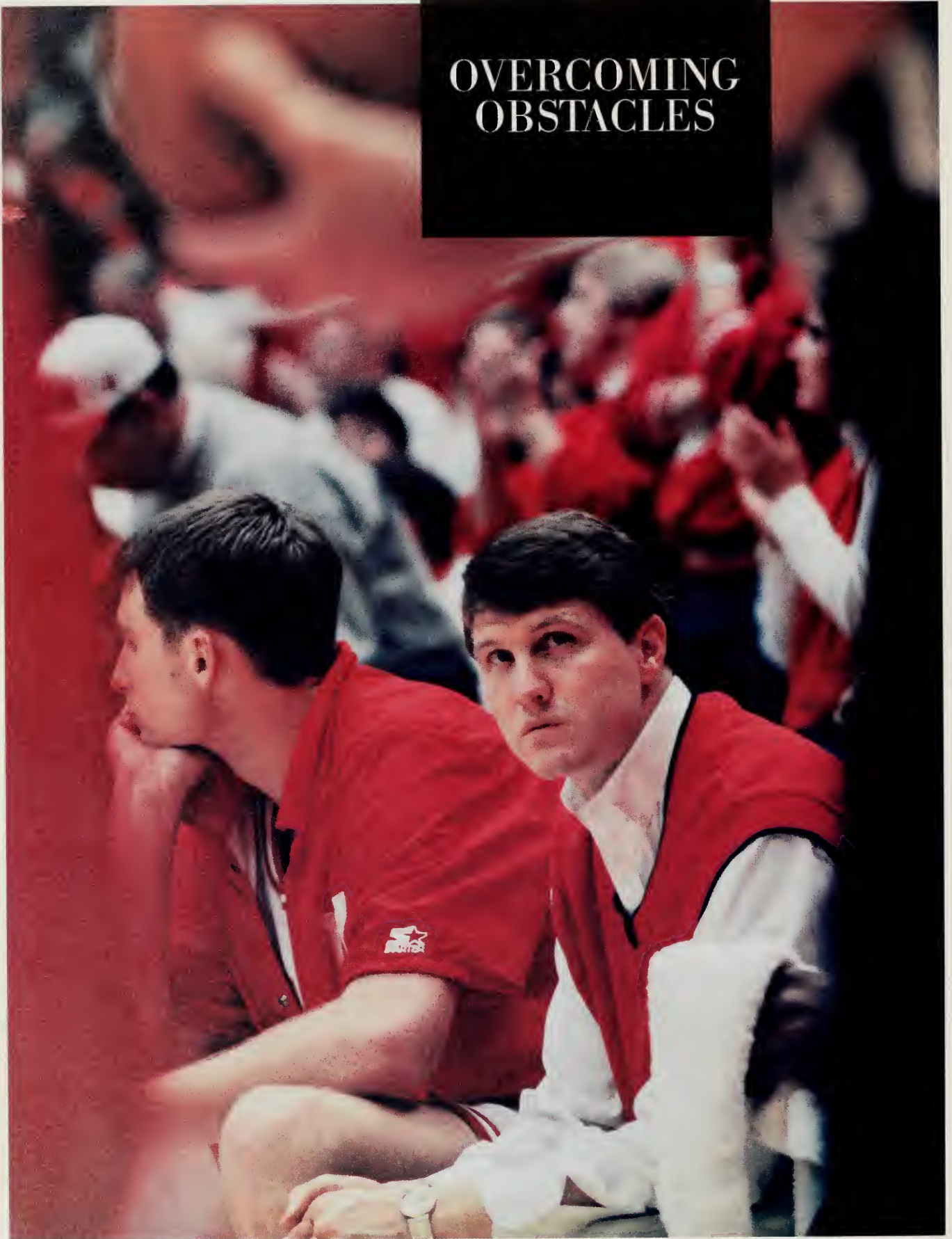
We are seeking recommendations of undergraduates at these campuses. If you know of anyone who is interested, contact Ryan M. Brennan, Director of New Chapter Development, at (804) 353-1901 or brennan@sigephq.org.

Alumni volunteers like these are participating in a true "Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood."



Alumni support for housing can be vital to chapter success.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES



**Battling disabilities,
Craig T. Hartman (Indiana '90)
earns degree and a place
on Hoosier bench**

Craig Hartman's two-fold disability, dyslexia and dysgraphia, was discovered in third grade. Not only did he see things wrong, he wrote them wrong, too. A "G" looked like a "Q." When he tried to read, the words came out scrambled. "I was also left-handed, which probably didn't help," he says. "I was a mess."

As a youngster in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Craig wanted no part of being different. He took out his frustrations by building a tree house in the back yard. It grew to three stories. He avoided studying and grew stubborn. "I think the words were, 'if (special education) was the way it was going to be, I wouldn't go to (high) school,' " he says.

But he loved basketball, and he wanted to coach basketball. To reach this goal, he knew he had to complete his education. Tutors proved futile. But then he met Sister Miriam Schultheis who worked with a small group of students in a learning center in an old, rundown building downtown. "Nobody is going to make me quit," he told her. For three days a week, they attacked the fundamentals of learning. He stayed eligible to play basketball at Snider High School and slowly improved. He was elected class president.

"Craig always was very bright and if you didn't know (about the disability), you wouldn't have been able to tell he had it," says Jim

Craig Hartman on the IU bench.

Rousseau, who coached him for six years. "In athletics, he was a fighter."

Indiana University's special education program rejected him initially. But Sister Miriam knew IU coach Bob Knight from his work with her learning center, so she called him. Knight was impressed with Craig's determination and offered him a chance to be a student manager for the Hoosiers, provided he could get into school. After weeks of telephone calls, IU finally agreed to another battery of tests.

The results, showing reading and writing levels no higher than fourth grade, so frustrated Craig that he punched his hand through a wall. His mother remained outwardly calm, but "that night, by myself, I cried a long time," she said.

Craig isn't sure how, but he finally managed to get IU to give him a trial year at the Fort Wayne regional campus. His requirements: Earn all B's. "Of course, I never had one before," he says. Craig and Sister Miriam, now 81, virtually locked themselves in a room for a semester. When they emerged, he had four B's. Craig still isn't sure how. He says he believes he did it the same way he passed high school chemistry without opening a book: with precise note-taking, paying close attention in class and by exercising sheer will.

It took Craig five years, including five summers, to receive his undergraduate degree. It was difficult without Sister Miriam. "I wasn't sure how he was doing," she said, "but one day I saw Coach

Knight's (television) show and there was my little 'Bucket Boy' in the background. I knew if he was with Coach Knight, he was OK."

The former student manager—hence the nickname Bucket Boy—developed into a workhorse for Knight, becoming the administrative assistant during the three years it took him to complete his master's degree in kinesiology.

Now 30 years old, he is in his second year as assistant coach and is still battling the disability. Once a week at home he writes all of the players' names so that, if called upon, he won't misspell them.

"To be really well educated with dyslexia is quite an accomplishment," Knight says. "He's dependable, responsible and determined, and if you put those together, you've got a guy who's tough to beat."

In recent years Craig has read books given to him by Knight, mostly about former presidents. They have inspired him, and he regularly speaks to learning disability classes and teachers. He and Knight's wife, Karen, have developed a class at the university.

"Everyone always wanted to put limitations on what I could do," Craig says. "That's the worst thing you can do to someone with a disability. I accepted being different and tried to learn what that means. I tell kids now that everyone has something they're good at, whether that's having a family or taking care of your little sister. Life just has obstacles."

Condensed from an article by Curt Cavin of The Indianapolis Star. Photo: Kelly Wilkinson, Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc.

ALUMNI NEWS



Three Elkins, Sig Eps All

Allen R. Elkins (left) entered the University of Tennessee shortly after getting out of the U.S. Marine Corps in January, 1954. He was initiated by Tennessee Alpha later that year, and served as chapter comptroller in 1955. He now lives in Williamsburg, Virginia.

His brother, Gordon C. Elkins (right), who served in the U.S. Army, entered Tennessee Wesleyan in 1962. He was a charter member of Tennessee Delta and was very active in chapter activities until his graduation in 1966.

Allen's youngest brother, Norman D. Elkins (center), also served in the U.S. Army before entering the University of Tennessee in 1964. As a married student with a full-time job to pay his way in school, he did not have time to join a fraternity. Later, after graduating from Tennessee in 1970, he was selected for initiation into Sigma Phi Epsilon by Tennessee Alpha through their Renaissance of Brotherhood program. The program selects candidates who, in

some way, exemplify the cardinal principles of the Fraternity: Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. Other attributes considered are success in a chosen career and community spirit.

"I couldn't be more proud than to have all of my siblings initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon, and to have participated, as an alumnus, in the initiation of my brother Norman," says Allen. "Sig Ep has meant very much to me." He returns to Knoxville regularly to participate in Founder's Day weekends sponsored by Tennessee Alpha.



Grandfather, Father & Son
John W. Cox (Washington and Lee '95), left, is proud of his family's Sigma Phi Epsilon lineage which stretches back three generations.

His maternal grandfather, John C. Edwards, right, graduated from the University of Richmond in 1936 and was a member of Virginia Alpha. He worked for DuPont for many years. Now retired, he lives in Camden, South Carolina.

John's father, Dr. Randolph C. Cox, Jr. (Richmond '62), center, also was a member of Virginia Alpha, and served as chapter president his senior year. He now

works for Ford Motor Credit of South America.

John was a member of Virginia Epsilon at Washington and Lee and also served as chapter president during his senior year. He now is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

He participated in the Carlson Leadership Academy in Charlotte in 1994 and was fascinated by a story Archer L. Yeatts, III (Richmond '64) told about the ways in which a Virginia Alpha president had earned the respect of everyone in the chapter. "At the conclusion of the talk, I raised my hand and asked Brother Archie the name of the chapter president. It was my dad. It just goes to show the bond of brotherhood that exists within the fraternity, and within the family," John says.

Virginia Alpha Alumni Gather for Reunion

University of Richmond Sig Eps initiated between 1955 and 1967 got together in October for a big reunion spearheaded by Archer L. Yeatts, III (Richmond '64).

Brother Yeatts reports "approximately 130 Sig Eps and their guests and spouses attended to relive their fraternity experiences and to renew acquaintances. Sig Eps attending came from California, Texas, Florida and all points in between." He said another, even bigger reunion is planned by the group in 2001.

Sig Ep Is KSU Fellow

Paul D. Stephenson (Kansas State '66), executive vice president of BANK IV, is one of nine 1997 Kansas State University Alumni Fellows. The Alumni Fellows program recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their

careers and brings them back to campus to interact with students and faculty. Active in community affairs, Stephenson is a past director of the Wichita Music Theatre and Botanica and is a trustee of the KSU Foundation.



**'Perry Mason' Veteran
Readies New Screenplay**
Tom Selden (Ohio Wesleyan '52) worked with the late Raymond Burr on the two-hour "Perry Mason" movies and for a number of years was involved in the production and direction of feature

films. For the past two and one-half years he has been involved with the Raymond Burr Vineyards in the Wine Country of northern California. He has written a screenplay which will be put into production by his company, Oceanus Entertainment, when financing is completed.

W&M Grad Named Top Bank Officer

Michael W. Newton (William & Mary '73) has been appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He joined the bank in 1974, has held a number of positions, and was named vice president in 1989. In addition to bank responsibilities, he has served in various roles supporting Federal Reserve System branch banking initiatives since 1994. On the community-service front, he has been active in the United Way.

Steenson Officiates At Super Bowl XXXI

Scott Steenson (North Texas '70) joined the National Football League's officiating elite when he was selected to officiate in Super Bowl XXXI on January 26 in New Orleans. The NFL's 112 game officials are graded throughout the pre-season and regular season, and the highest rated officials are rewarded with post-season assignments. Top-rated officials are chosen to work the Super Bowl.



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- Bring your family-and find out how you can sponsor an undergraduate.

CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE

Kansas State University • Amazing Service •



If community service hours were miles, the men of Kansas Beta would have trekked across the country. The chapter has completed 4,000 community service hours this year on its way toward the 6,000 hour goal. Already, ten more service projects are planned for the semester. Here they are seen during a children's Christmas party.

The men of Kansas Beta also placed in the top quartile of fraternities academically.

University of Alabama • Continued Success •

Recently, the members of Alabama Beta hosted children from the Regional Education Center for the Mentally Handicapped. The chapter enjoyed lunch with the group and played games afterwards, including breaking a pinata full of candy.



The chapter continues to be involved with the community. This fall the chapter recruited 24 new members.

Ohio University • Balanced Man in the Future • The men of Ohio Xi recruited eight new members this term, three more than last year. In the fall the chapter earned a 3.04 G.P.A., above the 2.84 all-campus average and ranking first of nineteen fraternities. In a move to propel the chapter further ahead of its competitors, Ohio Xi voted to adopt the Balanced Man Project. The future is bright for Ohio Xi.

Northwestern University • On-Going Success • Illinois Lambda had a great spring last year because of its ability to recruit year-round with the Balanced Man Project. Seven men joined the chapter in the formal period and 21 joined by semester's end!

Stanford University • Pioneering Cardinals • In a landslide chapter decision, the California Pi chapter chose to recruit during the Winter quarter. On a campus where other fraternities do not take new members after the fall, California Pi elected to move one step ahead of the rest. The chapter recruited four men informally, a great start for what will surely become a standard of excellence. Congratulations to California Pi for breaking the mold.

Georgia Southern University • Recruiting with Confidence • The work was clearly cut out for the brothers of Georgia Epsilon after 12 members graduated in the Spring of 1996. Participating in the Balanced Man Scholarship for a second year, the chapter saw an increase of applications from 18 to 70. The chapter capitalized on its opportunity and recruited 18 men, 6 more than the previous year. The cumulative G.P.A. of the group was a 3.6. Look for great things from Georgia Epsilon in the future.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute • Scholar Athlete Awarded •

Massachusetts Beta Sig Eps are leading the way in the Northeast. This fall, Brother Brian Learned was named the Burger King scholar athlete for

NCAA Division III football.

Burger King donated \$10,000 in Brother Learned's name to the WPI scholarship fund.



Washington University • Greek Life 101 • Members of Missouri Beta led an innovative program at Washington University. Missouri Beta recruited 28 new members this spring, an increase of seven over the previous year. Success came after members helped organize supportive faculty and administrators to visit residence halls to answer questions about Greek life. "The idea was that the program would bring people forward who wouldn't normally be interested in Greek life," remarked former chapter president Adam Slutske.

Virginia Tech • Doubling the Number • The men of Virginia Kappa are celebrating a remarkable term of fall recruitment, doubling last year's recruitment effort. The Hokies are off to a fabulous start!

CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE

University of Southern California • Making Spirits Bright • This



will be a memorable year for the members of California Beta. The chapter has recruited nearly 40 men this year while maintaining a 3.1 G.P.A. in the fall. The chap-

ter established the "California Beta Hall of Fame" to honor distinguished California Beta alumni each year. Pictured here are this year's inductees.

Loyola Marymount University • Aspiring to Excellence • After only one year, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon's chapter at Loyola Marymount University are celebrating a new charter. The members of California Chi were installed March 1, 1997, with top manpower on campus of 48 members and top grades with a 3.09 G.P.A. The chapter's goal is to grow to 60 men and remain on top academically. California Chi is setting an example of quality for its campus and the Fraternity.

University of Kansas • Holiday Spirit • Members of Kansas

Gamma got into the spirit of the holiday season this year by adopting a family for Christmas.

Kansas Gamma members bought clothing, food, and Christmas gifts for an underprivileged family. Members also



volunteered their time at the local community center by helping local children buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones at a mock "Christmas Store." Kansas Gamma is the largest chapter on campus with over 100 men and was recognized with the Manpower Excellence Award at this year's Carlson Leadership Academy.

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CHAPTER NEWS NATIONWIDE

Ohio State University • Improving Greek Relations • Ohio Gamma is having a banner-waving year. After a retreat where over 90% of the chapter attended, a longtime feud with a rival fraternity was settled clearing the way for the chapter to focus on leadership and service. One-half of the elected IFC positions are now held by Sig Eps. The chapter has been busy in the community collecting canned food, raising money for M.D.A., volunteering for the Special Olympics, and coaching little league sports. The chapter recruited 23 new members in the Fall, the second largest group on campus, and is now gearing up for the last quarter.

University of Texas-Austin • Remarkable Recovery • After having the charter suspended in 1993, Texas Alpha has returned with a bang! The chapter has increased its manpower by almost 400% putting the chapter at nearly 120 members.

Improved development has contributed to the chapter's success. Through participating in the Manpower Web, running the Balanced Man Scholarship, and attending Carlson Leadership Academies, the chapter has grown. Recently, the chapter was recognized as the outstanding chapter on campus.

University of Missouri • Breaking the World Record • After helping "Voice Your Choice," a voter registration drive in the fall, members of Missouri Alpha participated in a world-record-breaking blood drive for the American Red Cross held on campus. More pints of blood were donated by students during the drive than at any time before. The chapter's involvement on campus and focus on academics has helped the members recruit over 40 men this year while the chapter maintains a G.P.A. well above a 3.0.

Oregon State University • Campus Leadership • After earning a 3.04 G.P.A. in the Fall, a mark above the all-campus average and tied for first on a campus with 24 fraternities, the 100-plus men of Oregon Alpha turned their attention to campus politics. After the recent elections, the chapter boasts the student body President-Elect as well as the Memorial Union Vice President-Elect. Now, OSU's largest chapter is preparing for summer recruitment, one of the secrets of the chapter's strength.

University of Wisconsin • Top Scholar • Brother Gabe Stanek has been selected to receive one of three Hicks Scholarships from the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Brother Stanek was selected for his academic improvement and outstanding campus and chapter leadership. Since he joined, he has been a part of leading the chapter's charge to become the premiere group on campus. The Wisconsin Beta chapter is now top in manpower with nearly 100 men and top in academics with over a 3.0 G.P.A. while capturing more campus leadership positions than any other fraternity.

University of Minnesota • Bridge to the Future • Two members from Minnesota Alpha attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this fall. Brothers David McLaughlin and Tony Wagner were on hand as

President Clinton accepted his nomination. Brother Wagner is no stranger to politics having served as student body president for the University of Minnesota, the first Greek to hold the position in nearly a decade.

University of Connecticut • Sig Ep Warms Community • Winters are cold in New England. Fortunately for many of the needy, Sigma Phi Epsilon's Connecticut Alpha chapter at the University of Connecticut was there to help. Members of the chapter participated in the annual Walk for Warmth, a benefit event aimed at providing for the needs of the underprivileged.



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Georgia Institute of Technology • Chapter with a Mission •



Georgia Alpha is a chapter on the rise. In the past two quarters, the chapter has improved its G.P.A. above the

all-campus average finishing fall term with a 2.93. The chapter has implemented a scholarship program to help members win academically. Georgia Alpha is also succeeding on the intramural field, capturing championships in several sports. After a chapter retreat where members set a new mission to "be the fraternity recognized for excellence in all areas of life through collective efforts," the chapter paused to have a picture taken.

University of Tennessee • Homecoming Champions • For the third consecutive year, the men of Tennessee Alpha were the Homecoming winners. During the Homecoming weekend, the chapter hosted a dinner attended by 80 alumni. The Tennessee Volunteers trounced their opponent in the football game making the weekend a great time for Tennessee alumni and fans alike.

Bowling Green State University • Preparing for the Future •

The Carlson Leadership Academies provide an excellent opportunity to educate not only the current chapter officers, but also the future leaders of the chapter.

Nobody knows this better than Ohio Kappa who sent one of the largest delegations of any chapter. Ohio Kappa has had



a good year. So far this year the chapter has recruited 44 men and maintains a G.P.A. of a 2.88, second among 21 fraternities and above the all-campus average.

North Carolina State University • Chapter on the Rise • The men of North Carolina Beta have recruited nearly 40 men this year, almost 10 more than the previous year. With the help of a dedicated resident scholar, the chapter is also focusing on academics. North Carolina Beta picked up honors in the fall, finishing third in Homecoming while a Sig Ep was crowned Homecoming King.

University of Texas-Arlington • Spreading Holiday Cheer •



This December the Sig Eps of Texas Kappa held their annual Christmas party co-sponsored with Alpha Chi Omega. The event was conducted to benefit Mis-

sion Arlington, a local charity. Over 30 children were treated to food, a movie, and a visit from Santa. Texas Kappa also had a dramatic academic turnaround, moving from a 2.25 G.P.A. to first place among fraternities, with a G.P.A. over a 2.65 and above the all-campus average.

Western Michigan University • Memory Walk • Volunteerism is a part of membership at Michigan Beta. For the second year, members

helped with registration and then participated in the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. The chair of the registration committee commented, "We appreciate



Sig Ep's efforts as well as the positive and helpful attitude."

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